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SUBJECT: 7TH SPECIAL SESSION - JAPANESE REACTION

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1. MINISTER NISHIDA OF THE JAPANESE EMBASSY CALLED ON IO  
DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY BLAKE MARCH 14 TO RELAY GOJ  
REACTION TO BUFFUM PRESENTATION IN REFTEL ON DC CONSULTA-  
IONS FOR 7TH SPECIAL SESSION. NISHIDA SAID THAT THE GOJ  
CONCURS GENERALLY WITH US VIEWS AND IT IS NOW CONSIDERING  
THE MODALITIES OF THE CONSULTATIONS. JAPAN'S EVALUATION  
OF THE 7TH SPECIAL SESSION IS ALSO SIMILAR TO THAT OF  
THE US. IT IS APPARENT THAT THE GROUP OF 77 IS PUSHING  
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THE SAME DIFFICULT QUESTIONS AT EVERY OPPORTUNITY IN THE

UN SYSTEM. A UNIFIED APPROACH TO A COUNTER STRATEGY IS NECESSARY, THEREFORE, NOT ONLY FOR THE 7TH SPECIAL SESSION IN SEPTEMBER BUT FOR THE SERIES OF CONFERENCES LEADING UP TO IT, PARTICULARLY MID-TERM REVIEW AND APPRAISAL. THE NORTH/SOUTH (LDC/DC) PROBLEM WILL REMAIN WITH US AFTER THE SPECIAL SESSION, IN THE 30TH UNGA AND PARTICULARLY IN UNCTAD IV IN 1976. WHILE THERE WOULD BE GROUPB CONSULTATIONS IN THE DIFFERENT FORUMS AND IN THE OECD, THE GOJ BELIEVED IT WOULD BE ADVISABLE TO HAVE SEPARATE AD HOC CONSULTATIONS AT THE SENIOR LEVEL. IN ADDITION TO THE COUNTRIES CONSULTED INITIALLY (UK, JAPAN, CANADA AND FRG), IT WAS IMPORTANT TO ADD FRANCE. GOJBELIEVED THAT PRIORITY SHOULD BE GIVEN TO CONSULTATION ON PROBLEMS OF PRIMARY COMMODITIES. GOJ WAS STILL STUDYING THE VENUE, WHETHER CONSULTATIONS SHOULD BE BILATERAL OR MULTILATERAL, AND WHETHER THEY SHOULD BE AT THE SENIOR OR MEDIUM LEVEL. THE EMBASSY WOULD TRANSMIT THE JAPANESE POSITION ON THESE ISSUES IN DUE TIME.

2. BLAKE THANKED NISHIDA FOR THE JAPANESE RESPONSE AND SAID WE WOULD STUDY IT WITH INTEREST. HE POINTED OUT THAT TIMING WAS VERY IMPORTANT AND THAT A PATTERN OF CONSULTATIONS WOULD HAVE TO BE COORDINATED WITH THE SERIES OF ENERGY CONFERENCES. THE QUESTION OF COMMODITIES WAS PARTICULARLY DIFFICULT, AS IT MIGHT INVOLVE NEW PRECEDENTS FOR THE INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES OR INVOLVE REJECTING DEEPLY-HELD POSITIONS OF THE LDC'S. AN AD HOC MEETING AT SENIORLEVEL WAS A USEFUL IDEA AND HE AGREED WITH NISHIDA THAT COORDINATION AMONG THE DIFFERENT CONFERENCES WAS A NECESSITY. THE US WOULD BE CONSULTING WITH FRANCE AND OTHERS IN THE EC AT AN EARLY DATE AND WE PLAN TO BRING IN KEY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AT AN APPROPRIATE TIME.

3. IN CLOSING, NISHIDA SAID THAT WASHINGTON MIGHT BE A GOOD SITE FOR AN AD HOC MEETING BUT HE HAD NO SUGGESTION AS TO TIME.

4. COMMENT: IN VIEW HEAVY SCHEDULE OF CONFERENCES BETWEEN NOW AND THE SEPTEMBER SPECIAL SESSION (ENERGY, UN, ETC.), AND CONSEQUENT HEAVY DEMANDS ON SENIOR OFFICIALS, WE ARE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DUBIOUS THAT THE BENEFITS OF SUCH A SENIOR LEVEL AD HOC MEETING AS THE GOJ APPARENTLY HAS IN MIND WOULD JUSTIFY THE TIME AND EFFORT INVOLVED. IN CONVERSATIONS WITH JAPANESE, EMBASSY OFFICERS SHOULD UNDERLINE FIRM COMMITMENT OF USG TO CONTINUING CLOSE CONSULTATIONS WITH JAPAN AS WELL AS OTHER INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES BUT SHOULD DISCRETELY DISCOURAGE SEPARATE HIGH LEVEL MEETING BEFORE THE SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION AS IMPRACTICAL DUE TO TIME

CONSTRAINTS.

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